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Hamlet of East Coulee.



HAMLET OF EAST COULEE June 1949

Dept. of Industry

1. Location Section 31-27-18-W4 and Section 28-27-18-W4.

This location is fourteen miles southeast of Drumheller on the banks of the Red Deer River and the Bassano-Rosemary-Kneehill line of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

2. Altitude Same as Drumheller.
3. Temperature Same as Drumheller.
4. Rainfall - Same as Drumheller.
5. Geology Same as Drumheller
6. Soil Same as Drumheller.
7. History

The founder of the East Coulee Mining area was the late J. N. Murray, who was the holder of considerable freehold coal land in this district. He subsequently sold or leased his coal properties to some of the present mining companies; other mining companies obtained their coal properties from the C.P.R.

The Canadian Pacific Railway entered what is now known as East Coulee in 1928, but did not open for traffic until 1929.

8. Living Conditions There are 476 houses.

Private house rentals	4 rooms	\$25.00 per month
Private house rentals	5 rooms	\$30.00 per month
Mine company houses	4 rooms	\$12.00 plus \$2.00 for water per month.
Mine company houses	5 rooms	\$16.00 plus \$2.00 for water per month.

Private houses have individual water wells; some of these wells are equipped with electric-motor driven pumps and pressure tanks.

The three hotels and some private houses have cesspools with inside toilets, but most of the houses have an outside privy.

East Coulee hamlet lies along the banks of the Red Deer River; the river banks are fringed with willow bushes, poplar, balm of gilead and spruce trees.

There is fishing for pike, pickeral, and goldeye, in the river.

LIBRARY
VAULT 19

9. Administration. The hamlet is part of Improvement District No. 42, and is administered by the Department of Municipal Affairs through the Drumheller office.

10. Laws and Regulations

There are no local regulations. Federal and Provincial Laws are administered by the R.C.M.P.

11. Fire Protection

There are two, 40 gallon tanks of "Foamite", on a hand truck, supplied by the Department of Municipal Affairs, operated by a volunteer Fire Brigade.

12. Tax Structure

	Percentage of Actual Value	Net Assessment	Mill Rate 1948
Land	100 %	32,595	
Improvements	66 2/3 %	277,775	
Personal Property	100 %	340,675	52 mills
		\$651,045	

13. Areas

14. Sewer and Water Main Mileage

15. Power

3 phase, 60 cycle, 110 volt current is supplied to the houses by Canadian Utilities Ltd.

<u>Rates</u>	<u>Cents per k.w.h.</u>	<u>Depending on amount used</u>			
Domestic	6 to 2	"	"	"	"
Commercial	6 1/2 to 3	"	"	"	"
Industrial	6 to 3	"	"	"	"
Large users	1.92 to 1.78	"	"	"	"

16. Water

Water is obtained from individual wells, that are fed by water from the Red Deer river that filters through the gravel surrounding the wells. The water is inspected by the Drumheller Health Unit.

17. Fuels
Gas

18. L.P. Gas. is available in Drumheller.

19. Diesel Fuel is available in Drumheller.

20. Coal Same as Drumheller.
21. Local Resources. Same as Drumheller.
22. Government Offices and Services.
- Federal
Post Office
R.C.M.P. Patrol from Drumheller detachment.
- Provincial
Alberta Government Telephones
Alberta Government Treasury Branch (Sub Office)
- Municipal
Garbage collected by contractors through arrangements with the local welfare committee. Department of Municipal Affairs Inspector from the Drumheller Office.
23. Health Services
- Two local doctors plus the health services in Drumheller.
1 drug store.
24. Professional & Skilled Personal Services not including health services.
- Barber shops 3
Beauty parlor 1
25. Transportation
- C.P.R. railway connecting Bassano with Drumheller.
All weather roads that connect with all points in the Drumheller Valley.
26. Newspapers. See Drumheller
27. Communications
- Canadian Pacific Telegraphs
Alberta Government Telephones
Post Office with air mail
Nearest radio stations in Calgary, C.F.A.C., C.F.C.N., and C.J.C.J.
28. Financial Facilities
- Alberta Government Treasury Branch (sub office).
29.

<u>Hotels</u>	<u>No. Rooms</u>	<u>Single Rates</u>	<u>Beer Parlor</u>
Empire	17	\$1.50 special rates for miners	yes
Valley	18	\$1.50 special rates for miners	yes
East Coulee	16	\$1.50 special rates for miners	yes

All three hotels have cesspools and inside toilets.

30. Tourist Camps none

31. Churches

Bethel United
Roman Catholic

32. Lodges

I.O.D.E. See Drumheller

33. Service Clubs

Junior Chamber of Commerce
Local Welfare Committee
Ladies Auxilliary.

34. Societies

Catholic Altar Society
Catholic Youth Organization.

35. Schools

There is one school building that accommodates
322 pupils and nine teachers.
This school is part of the Red Deer Valley School
Division No. 55

Grades 1 to 12 inclusive taught.

36. Theatres and Halls

	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Piano</u>
Star Theatre	300	yes	yes
Community Hall	350	yes	yes
Hungarian Hall	250	yes	yes

There is available a Hungarian Orchestra, 5 pieces.

37. Cultural Activities

Catholic Youth Organization Drama and Music

38. Youth Activities

39. Sports

40. Fairs

41. Historic Sites

42. Cooperatives

43. Industry & Business is represented as follows:

- 1 Beauty parlor
- 1 Baker shop
- 3 Barber shop
- 3 Cafes
- 1 Drug Store
- 1 Drygoods
- 1 Electric Fixtures and supplies
- 2 Garages
- 6 General stores - five of these sell meat
- 1 Grain Elevator Capacity 30,000 bushels.
- 1 Hardware
- 1 Lumber yard with builders hardware.

- 1 Plumbers shop with hardware
- 2 Shoe repairs.

In addition there are the following four mines:

Murray Collieries Ltd.

Authorized capital \$100,000
President H. R. Reed
Mine Office, East Coulee, Alberta
Mine Manager, Hugh G. McKinnon
Thickness of seam 5 ft. 3 in.
Thickness of cover 375 feet.
Inclination of seam : horizontal
Form of opening : tunnel
Location of mine S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 29-27-18-W4
Coal mining Lease No. C.P.R. 539
Served by C.N.R., C.P.R., and trucks.
Registered Trade Name: "New Murray Coal."

Regal Coal Co. Ltd. (Atlas Coal Mine)

Head Office: 228 Examiner Bldg., Calgary, Alberta.
Mine Office: East Coulee, Alberta.
General Manager: L. Patrick
Mine Manager A. Wilson
Thickness of seam 5 ft. 2 in.
Thickness of cover 200 ft. to 400 ft.
Inclination of seam: Undulating
Form of opening : level
Location of mine N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 13-21-27-18-W4
Coal Mining Lease No. C.P.R.
Served by C.N.R. C.P.R. and trucks
Registered Trade Name: "New Wildfire".

Saskatchewan Federated Cooperatives Ltd.

Authorized capital \$5,000,000.
President G. Urwin,
Secretary H. L. Fowler,
Treasurer E. T. Mowbrey,
Head Office Saskatoon, Saskatchewan,
Mine Office: East Coulee, Alberta.
General Manager, John T. Burton,
Mine Manager, Philip Melson,
Thickness of seam 6 ft. to 7 ft.
Thickness of cover 200 ft. to 300 ft.
Form of opening tunnel
Location of Mine L.S. 2-32-27-18-W4
Served by C.N.R. C.P.R. and trucks.
Registered Trade Name "Empire Coal".

The Monarch Coal Mining Co.

Authorized Capital \$102,500.
President E. A. Lovett
Sec. Treasurer H. R. Narraway
Head Office Calgary Alberta
Mine Office Drumheller Alberta.
Mine Manager Terrance Smith

Thickness of seam $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft. to 5 ft.
Thickness of cover up to 400 ft.
Inclination of seam: undulating
Form of opening drift
Location of Mine L.S. 1-20-27-18-W4
Coal Mining Lease C.P.R.
Served by C.P.R.
Registered Trade Name "Western Monarch Coal".

- 44. Sites - Same as Drumheller
- 45. Industrial Development - Same as Drumheller.
- 46. Trading Area
Includes the downstream hamlet of Dorothy, and the upstream hamlets of Lehigh and Willow Creek.
- 47. Trading Area Population
Estimated 2,800.
- 48. East Coulee Hamlet Population
Estimated 2,800.